

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 993

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Jerry Peters upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Jerry Peters, who has devoted forty-four years to the education and instruction of young students and athletes; on March 15, 2008, Mr. Peters will be inducted into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Hall of Fame, a most befitting recognition of his outstanding service to Tennessee high schools and athletics; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Peters has rendered sterling service as a teacher and coach at Memphis University School since 1965; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure as coach of both the boys' basketball team and track and cross country teams, Coach Peters has led his players to numerous victories; and

WHEREAS, under Coach Peters's exceptional tutelage, the Memphis University School boys' basketball teams have posted an overall remarkable 937 wins while capturing sixteen district championships, seven region championships, and the 2007 TSSAA Division II State championship; in addition, his teams have won more than 100 conference and invitational championships; and

WHEREAS, his basketball teams have won more than seventy percent of their games, making him the winningest active coach in Tennessee and the second all-time winningest coach in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, his track and cross country teams gained excellence, earning conference, invitational, region and district titles; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards or accolades, Coach Peters was inducted into the Rhodes College Athletic Hall of Fame; he has also received numerous prestigious awards for his stellar teaching abilities, including the Tennessee Association of Independent Schools “Hubert Smothers Award” for distinguished teaching, the John Murray Springfield Distinguished Teacher Award, the John M. Nail Outstanding Teacher Award, the A. Robert Boelte Chair of Excellence in Teaching, and the Jean Barbee Hale Award for Outstanding Service; and

WHEREAS, it has been accurately stated that Jerry Peters, with a reputation for unwavering commitment to the principles he holds dear, is one of the truly successful gentlemen in the coaching profession; and

WHEREAS, a pillar of the Memphis community, Mr. Peters is supported by his loving wife, Ruth Peters, and four sons, Jeff, Judd, Jon, and Jason; and

WHEREAS, for the above accomplishments, his impeccable moral standards, and his impressive work ethic, Mr. Jerry Peters has been selected for induction into the TSSAA Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Peters, as a man of true character and commitment, exemplifies the type of selfless community servant and civic leader whom fellow Tennesseans admire for their tireless efforts in mentoring the State's youth, guiding them with solid principles and high standards whether on the athletic fields or in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the family, friends, and colleagues of Jerry Peters in congratulating him upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, honor and commend Mr. Peters for his substantial legacy as a teacher, coach, and administrator in the education community of Tennessee, and offer our thanks for the dedication that he has shown our State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.